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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES CODEL LEGGETT. CHARGE DISCUSSED VISIT WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL JUNE 18, AND INFORMED PRESIDENTIAL PROTOCOL OFFICER WHO WILL ALSO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN ARRANGING PROGRAM. EMBASSY PROPOSED CALLS ON PRESIDENT SIAD, VICE PRESIDENT AND DEFENSE MINISTER ALI SAMATAR, FOREIGN MINISTER JAMA BARRE, AND FINANCE MINISTER WEIRAH. EMBASSY ALSO SUGGESTED THE CODEL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT A MILITARY UNIT IN THE MOGADISCIO AREA. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC BRIEFINGS.

2. NORMAL SOMALI PRACTICE IS NOT TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS
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UNTIL VISITORS HAVE ACTUALLY ARRIVED. EMBASSY IS CONFIDENT SOMALIS WILL ACCEPT VISIT AND TAKE SPECIAL PAINS TO ASSURE A GOOD RECEPTION AS THEY HAVE TO EACH OF THE THREE CODELS WHICH VISITED MOGADISCIO IN THE PAST YEAR. THE INFORMALITY OF ARRANGEMENTS AND VAGUENESS OF PROGRAM DETAILS SHOULD NOT BE A DISCOURAGING FACTOR. WE HAVE FOUND SOMALIS NORMALLY

FOLLOW EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS EXCEPT FOR TIMING OF THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WHICH INVARIABLY TAKES PLACE WHEN IT IS ANNOUNCED AND WITHOUT MUCH IF ANY FOREWARNING.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONFIRMATION OF CODEL'S ETA AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR SPECIAL MILITARY AIRCRAFT ARE NO PROBLEM FOR SOMALIA, BUT MAY POSE DIFFICULTIES IF AIRCRAFT WISHES TRANSIT FLIGHT CORRIDOR OVER STRAITS OF BAB AL MANDAB.

4. CHARGE AND MRS. VOUGHT INVITE CONGRESSMEN LEGGETT AND DUNCAN TO BE HOUSE GUESTS AT DCM'S RESIDENCE WHICH IS ONLY FIVE MINUTES FROM CHANCERY AND MAIN HOTEL. REGRET SIZE OF RESIDENCE MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ENTIRE STAFF.
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